

City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 12th, 2006

The City of Takoma Park Safe Roadways Committee met on Thursday, January 12, 2006 in the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Members Present: Laurie Kelly, Katherine Kelly, Jay Lee, Sanjay Grover, Suzanna Banwell, Dan Turner, Andy Kelemen

Members Absent: Robert Patten, Mike Goodno, Greg Castano

Staff Present: Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner

Others Present: David Suls

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

2. Approval of Minutes: vote on reading, vote on adoption

The December meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted with minor revisions with all in favor. The October meeting minutes were adopted with minor revisions with all in favor. There was also a discussion regarding timed agendas. The Committee noted from the bylaws that minutes are to e-mailed one week before the following meeting.

3. Action Items

January 17th Council Presentation: Staff had provided the cost estimates for projects from the prior meeting with the requested changes. The recommendations were adopted with edits to the section concerning Ride-On. The members who would present at the January 17th Council meeting and the format of the presentation were discussed and agreed upon. (see Adopted January 17th Committee recommendation to the Council).

East Hampshire Center: Staff provided the site and preliminary plans to the Committee for review and comment for the upcoming Council Public Hearing. Staff provided preliminary recommendations based on staff level review. Committee members noted that the access from Eastern Avenue was hazardous, the New Hampshire Avenue access was overly wide, the onsite circulation was not pedestrian friendly, and the crosswalk needed repainting. They agreed with recommendations for a landscape panel and wide sidewalk, a building to frame the street, and lower level retail in compliance with the master plan to improve walkability, encourage alternate transit use, and calm traffic. A motion was made to present a summary of the Committee comments at the Council Hearing.

New Meeting Date and Time: After discussion the committee decided to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7 to 8:30.

3. Brief Announcements / Updates

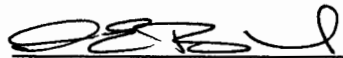
Website: The SRC webpage is almost up. It will include the edited PowerPoint on Carroll Avenue.

Master Plan: The Council has an adopted City transportation master plan. The Transportation Master Plan predates the Takoma Park Master Plan. As it has not been reviewed, it is unknown what it contains.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted


Ilona Blanchard, Senior Planner

Approved


Laurie Kelly, Chair